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GHT OF WORLD

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Have you ever noticed how every nting of the Manger scene is filled n light? And then, as you studied gain, discovered that the source ie from the infant Jesus, himself? us it is that artists recognize one of basic facts of our Christian faith, there was born into the world, the ht of the world, which shone on vorld that was dark with misery. ne people that walked in darkness e seen a great light; they that dwell the land of the shadow of death, n them hath the light shined."

The Bethlehem Babe was Light for world's darkness. From every side nes the chorus which proclaims Him the Light which enlightens every n. And we have all joined in. Yet doing so, very often we have med to make a very strange sup-ition; and that is that the light is y useful when it shines in the light; t it has no contribution to make in darkness. For that is just what mean when we speak of the Gospel something to be believed in and to followed only under ideal condi-ns, but as unworkable in times of at crisis. "Christianity is all right." hear very often, "but not under sent circumstances." And so it is t in both social and international, well as our own personal problems, are apt to say that if we had ideal ations we might follow the Gospel, since we don't—we will have to "realistic" about it.

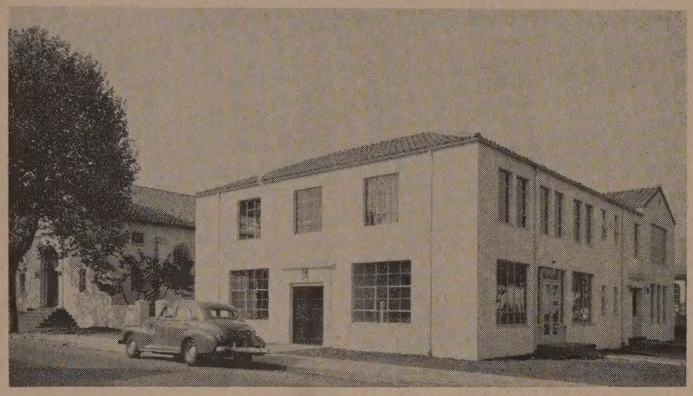
You see what we are saying, don't ? We are saying when we have lt with sin and with evil in our n strength and wisdom, when we 've made our lives and our world nt by ourselves, then we will turn faces to the light God has sent. hat sad and tragic folly is there, my nds! Not only should it be crystal ar that our own wisdom and ength are hopelessly inadequate, but are neglecting the one source of wer and of wisdom which is ade-ate. And so we go on sinking our-ves only more deeply into the mire our frantic attempts to save our-ves.

As we celebrate again its coming o the world, what greater wisdom uld we show than to turn our faces the Light and to keep them that y? To reorientate our whole lives ward the Light, remembering that it not for a world already light but the world's darkness and for our n?

"The people that walked in dark-ss have seen a great light; they that ell in the land of the shadow of ath. upon them hath the light ned."

OUR OF SHARING

The appeal, which has as its theme s year, "One Great Hour of Shar-g," will come to a climax during the ek of March 16 to March 23, 1952. in former years, network radio and evision will play a large part in the npaign. In addition to special broad-sts there are plans for a TV film and radio transcription for local stations.



The new education building of the San Mateo Church, costing $81,000, was dedicated on the afternoon of November 11. Supt. Harley H. Gill gave the dedication address, and the pastors, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell and Rev. Terence Stoker, together with lay people and representatives of youth organizations, participated. This building represents the very latest in planning for training in Christian education. The rooms are beautifully furnished and with every facility for the convenience of the children and the workers. It will be used to capacity immediately. The same evening there was a family night supper with 375 parents and children of the Church School in fine fellowship, listening to an address by Rev. Randolph C. Miller of Berkeley on the parents' responsibility for the Christian education of their children. The budget of the church for the coming year represents an increase of 25%. The church fair brought in more than $1,000.

The Skyland Church building, taken on the day the Church was received into the Santa Clara Association. Surrounded by forest, it is situated attractively in the Santa Cruz hills. Rev. Elmer S. Andersen serves as pastor.

ART AWARD

Mrs. Lois Gregg, wife of the Rev. John H. Gregg of Fresno, who took up water color painting some time ago, had second place out of 100 paintings submitted in the Fresno Artists League annual show. She has been invited to give a special exhibit of her paintings in Monterey.

LET US HELP

Several of our churches in Kansas suffered very heavy loss from last summer's floods. Kansas is not a strong conference. The Building Society has helped some. The people locally are doing their best. Our Conference Board of Directors was asked to help, but no money is available They authorized through the medium of THE PACIFIC to encourage our churches and our individual subscribers to make such contributions as they are able. These checks may be sent to the Conference office clearly marked, "For Kansas Flood Relief."

LET US PROTEST

Strong representations have been sent to President Truman by the Board of Directors of the Conference and by the Social Action Committee protesting the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. Both bodies have also addressed communications to the two senators from California urging that any such appointment be not ratified by the Senate.

Born To You This Day, A Saviour

The birth of Christ—timeless and ever-recurring, in a village of Judea and in the uttermost parts of the earth, universal yet intimately personal!

As LOVE is born in the heart of every lover, as TRUTH is born in each discovery of the laboratory and in a clear convincing insight of the human soul, as BEAUTY is born in each new poem or picture or symphony, so CHRIST is born to all who hear Him and seek His will.

Through all the centuries and to every people comes the angels' song, "There is born to you this day a Saviour."

O troubled world and troublesome, wearied and wearing, sated and disillusioned, groping, hungering, hating, loving, yearning, grasping, living, dying, despairing, hoping world, there is born to YOU this day, a Saviour.

To you this day! In some remote millenium, in some distant clime? Aye, but here and now, to YOU and ME. Even in an hour of discouragement and depression, of anxiety and uncertainty, of indifference and moral dissolution, the song of angels rings, "There is born to YOU THIS DAY, a Saviour."

A Saviour! O thou Christ, give us the daring to follow Thee, the zest of building a new world with Thee and the wonder of dwelling at peace with Thee. So art Thou born today and so shall we find newness of life. —H. H. G.

P. F. AT C. O. P.

PF'ers from all over Northern California will gather on the campus of the College of the Pacific at Stockton on December 27, 28, and 29 for their annual Midwinter Conference. The theme for this year's Conference is "The Pilgrim Plus." Dr. Allan Hunter, minister of the Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church and author of many stirring books on the spiritual life, will be the keynote speaker of the Conference.

The program includes "clinics" on Pilgrim Fellowship problems, Quest Groups on personal faith and social action, Bible study, Pilgrim Fellowship state business sessions, and a closing communion service in the Morris Chapel. This year, for the first time in several conferences, many of the delegates will be housed in dormitory style in local churches and in the YMCA. It is anticipated that 300 young people will be in attendance. Costs of the conference, including registration fee, is $7.50. Registrations should be sent to "Midwinter Registrar," 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

HELP WANTED

The Strategy Committee of the Conference plans to meet about once a quarter and will consider suggestions that may come from any of our people for the improvement of our common work. Rev. Richard C. Norberg, pastor of the Hayward Church, is chairman of the committee and will be glad to hear from our people at any time.

"101"

With this issue Volume 100 of The Pacific is closed and Volume 101 opens. The Pacific will still be in its 101st year until August, and then will begin its 102nd year.

This issue also closes volume 22 of the present editorship. The form and size have not changed materially since the Conference took it over in 1924.

A good many years ago the Missions Council enlisted many Conferences in a plan to use the Missionary Herald for their state papers. The Herald was reduced to pocket size and a certain number of pages assigned to local Conference news. Pacific did not enter that plan and was sharply criticized nationally and to a lesser degree locally. Events have abundantly justified the decision made at that time. That plan of publishing with the Missionary Herald is now in the past. State after state is now printing its own paper, a number following the pattern and form of The Pacific.

Furthermore, it has been demonstrated by the figures of comparative missionary giving that the creation of an esprit de corps among the churches of a Conference has been as effective as that which was followed by the purely promotional plan of the Missionary Herald.

This is not in any way to discourage our people from subscribing to ADVANCE, which does effectively portray our missionary work. Pacific wishes that every one of our churches will fill the minimum goal of ten per cent of its families subscribing to ADVANCE.

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Teachers' Workshops

Workshops for church school teachers using the Pilgrim Series will be held again this quarter. They will meet January 2 at Plymouth Church, Oakland, on January 3 at San Mateo, and on January 8 at First Church, Stockton. In each case there will be a training session for teachers of every department, centered particularly on the materials to be used during the Winter Quarter. Teachers attending these workshops in the past have found them very helpful in preparation for the quarter's activities.

AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB

Mr. Harry Drobish, loyal layman of our Oroville Church, member of the Conference Board of Directors and the Social Action Committee, and also member of the Council for Social Action appointed by our General Council, was the speaker at the Commonwealth Club luncheon in San Francisco on Friday, November 30. He gave a clear and forward-looking address on what is happening in Western Europe, particularly stressing the point of view of the average man in England, in Germany, in Italy, and in France. Mr. and Mrs. Drobish were with the study group under the leadership of Ray Gibbons of the Council for Social Action, but they also visited Southern European and Northern African countries and have brought back most interesting and worthwhile reports.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 27-29—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, College of the Pacific, Stockton.

January 24—Annual meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.

February 19-20-21—Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

April 13—Easter.

April 17—Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Broadmoor Church, San Leandro.

May 23-24-25—Annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Oakland.

June 17-25—General Council of Congregational Christian Churches at Claremont.

MODESTO — A very attractive monthly newsletter has made its appearance. The church basement is being used five days a week by three Brownie groups and two Girl Scout groups. Plans are being made by Rev. Frank B. Loper for a campaign of visitation evangelism in February.

REMEMBER JAN. 10

At the end of November the gain is almost exactly the same over the like period a year ago, as it was at the end of Octobr. We had every reason to expect that we would go much farther ahead. This is now the last month of the year. Our books will be held open until three o'clock on Thursday, January 10, for 1951 receipts. This gives treasurers a little time to close their books and send in the final check for the year. In case checks should apply for 1952, will treasurers so indicate, that they may be held for deposit after the 10th?

	App't Jan. 11 to Nov. 30,'50	App't Jan. 11 to Nov 30,'51
Alameda	$1,145.46	$1,111.65
Alturas	183.81	269.64
Angels Camp	268.41	165.00
Antioch	276.95	268.29
Auburn	150.00	250.00
Benicia	26.00	95.00
Berkeley, Arlington	615.03	793.91
Chinese	25.07	14.50
First	9,228.81	10,734.67
North	1,243.20	1,429.06
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	705.92	817.22
Biola	46.08	49.92
Campbell	872.10	1,009.72
Cedarville	32.10	57.30
Cloverdale	98.40	——
Cotati	85.01	118.09
Crockett	110.70	149.62
Dinuba	1.00	1.00
Eagleville	13.38	74.03
El Cerrito	——	25.00
Elk Grove	67.14	240.11
Etna	81.98	197.61
Eureka	1,178.15	1,103.45
Fairfax	267.80	245.05
Ferndale	393.18	200.42
Fresno, First	3,068.09	3,572.00
Free Cross	482.89	——
Japanese	61.25	47.50
Pilgrim Arm.	——	500.00
Zion	10.00	69.60
Glen Ellen	99.50	60.75
Guerneville	336.04	144.25
Hayward	1,847.38	2,029.85
Kenwood	56.57	27.17
La Selva Beach	——	91.09
Lodi, Ebenezer	96.52	——
First	3,116.00	3,007.53
Loleta	24.82	30.26
Loomis	——	200.00
Martinez	1,828.81	1,719.52
Modesto	136.00	75.69
Murphys	5.00	——
Niles	24.30	13.57
Oakland, First	4,951.27	5,985.60
Fruitvale	——	35.00
Japanese	——	12.00
New Pilgrim	446.59	515.63
Plymouth	1,728.87	1,889.18
Orinda	889.82	919.12
Oroville	250.00	512.42
Pacific Grove	75.84	25.00
Palo Alto	3,525.50	4,459.65
Paradise	645.60	660.00
Parlier	15.00	——
Penngrove	175.26	5.95
Pescadero	26.45	8.75
Petaluma	1,100.00	1,004.59
Pittsburg	370.42	516.12
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest	——	297.35
Port Chicago	15.00	30.69
Porterville	2,100.00	2,250.00
Redwood City	674.94	1,593.74
Rio Vista	50.00	100.00
Ripon	286.53	415.23
Sacramento, Pioneer	2,721.25	3,139.00
Sierra Arden	137.25	275.00
Salida	61.69	38.74
San Carlos	1,240.00	1,900.00
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. P'k	182.15	221.00
Calvary Arm.	——	50.00
Chinese	26.50	13.83
First	2,433.79	2,568.68
Park Presidio	910.52	718.54
Pilgrim	100.00	161.53
St. John's	——	113.18
Sanger	54.36	229.75
San Jose	1,893.34	1,219.99
San Leandro	121.83	149.47
San Lorenzo	17.69	22.50
San Mateo	3,900.00	3,921.31
San Rafael	157.15	367.39
Santa Cruz	1,309.41	1,156.75
Santa Rosa	326.99	262.63
Saratoga	665.27	656.19
Sebastopol	501.83	279.99
Sonoma	190.67	267.57
Soquel	178.86	168.79
Stockton	1,405.47	1,506.07
Suisun	90.00	117.10
Sunnyvale	106.15	56.85
Sunol	170.29	236.31
Tulare	1,413.00	1,080.00
Weaverville	100.00	167.00
Woodside	143.85	211.76
Reno, Nevada	779.61	620.13
Miscellaneous	225.00	285.65
Pilgrim Fellowship	2,131.96	2,809.66
	$69,729.82	$77,637.42

MIRA VISTA—This church has need of two pianos. Is any member of The Pacific family in a position to lend or donate one to this new church? The financial cost of putting gravel on the portions of the property that need to be used for parking is now in sight, but weather has held it up. Worshippers have to reach the church from the street by "duck boards," but still they come! The church entertained the Pilgrim Fellowship Rally from the Redwood Empire and Upper Bay areas. Rev. Gifford M. Webster is pastor.

BENICIA—An Every Member Canvass was held December 2 for a budget of $5,900. The Church School expense is part of the total, with children subscribing on their own pledge cards. Attendance at the Church School runs 80% of the enrollment. Rev. George W. Lindsay, Conference Director of Christian Education, was speaker at a Church School staff meeting on December 6. Rev. C. T. Gustafson is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON — The church bazaar was held on the 30th of November in spite of rain, wind, and more rain. Two thousand dollars was banked at the close of the day with many articles to be sold. Weather conditions have made progress on the new unit impossible. The church was well filled at a Kensington Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM (OCEAN VIEW)—During October, 18 people were received into fellowship. A community visitation added something like $1,200 to the Building Fund, but its greatest success was in the increase of attendance at both church and Sunday School. Rev. Karl E. Olson, pastor, was speaker before a group of Congregational students at the University of California.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—The annual Thanksgiving Dinner took place on the evening of December 2. The newly remodeled social hall was filled to capacity. An excellent dinner was served. Brief messages were given by the pastor, Rev. B. Y. Leong, by officers of the church, and by Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—The junior Pilgrim Fellowship is starting a contest to secure new members. They publish the Junior PF Progress, a newspaper of which Gordon Gill is editor. On November 11 the church received 20 new members. Rev. Torrance Phelps and Rev. Orval S. Clay are pastors.

MARTINEZ — Sixteen new members came into fellowship on November 11. A 9:30 Sunday morning service of worship will start the first Sunday in January, with the hope that parents of Church School children will be in attendance. The church bazaar brought in more than $800. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

ORINDA — Record attendance of the Church School was 462, on the last Sunday of October. A set of Deagan chimes has been added to the organ. The church is sponsoring the presentation of the operetta, "Hansel and Gretel." Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

PETALUMA — Rev. Herbert C. Gans has been ill for a week or two but has improved. In addition to being the pastor of the church, he is regularly heard two evenings a week on the radio.

SOQUEL — "Gateswingers" is the name of the junior high group meeting on Sunday evening for worship, discussion, and recreation. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY — The Angels Camp Church was host to the South San Joaquin Rally of Pilgrim Fellowship, which was a splendid occasion and a big boost to the Angels Camp and Murphys groups. The societies of these two churches are meeting together each Sunday. Mr. William L. Holladay, pastor, has been doing visitation work in Hathaway Pines, Sheep Ranch, Arnold, Avery, and White Pines in addition to Murphys and Angels Camp.

PESCADERO—A men's club grew out of a visitation on one Sunday by a special Conference team of speakers: Mrs. James H. Price and Mrs. James Blamey represented the Federation of Congregational Women; Barbara Price, the Pilgrim Fellowship; Herbert Hilker, the Laymen's Fellowship; and Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor-at-large. The meetings were very well attended and much interest shown. Mr. Joseph Krueger is the pastor.

RIPON—A special Sunday evening service! A suggestion dropped by the Ladies' Aid! Result—a nice little offering of $18.36 for the Church Extension Fund of the Northern California Conference. Nobody missed anything; no pressure of any kind was exerted. Just a bit of thoughtfulness and prompt reaction. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Kirkpatrick, wonders why there may not be a lot of such fine Christmas presents.

OAKLAND, FIRST—For "Christ's Work Day" the Pilgrim Fellowship young people carried on a car washing service at the church. A parents' work night resulted in painting, furniture repair, picture mending, and making of furniture. The pledges for the annual support of the church were made at a candle-lighting service on Thanksgiving Sunday. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—Bids have been opened on repair of the roof on the front tower of the church and the gymnasium. The "Twig Benders" is the original and attractive name of a group of young mothers. The Fall Festival yielded $1,345. Rev. J. Paul Coleman is pastor.

ANTIOCH—This church has had for a series of meetings Dr. Rebecca Beard, practicing physician from Missouri, with talks on "Psychosomatic Medicine." She was assisted by her husband, Wallace Beard. They made a great contribution to the spiritual life of the church and its members. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

HAYWARD, EDEN—On the second Sunday of each month there is a family service when children and their parents attend services together. The goal of individual pledges for the support of the work in 1952 was reached at the end of the first day of canvass. Rev. Richard C. Norberg and Rev. Verne Robinson are the pastors.

BERKELEY, SOUTH—The special campaign for funds has been a great success. The members of the church contributed $1,500 cash toward building and parsonage improvements. In addition, pledges totaling over $15,000 toward the goal of $16,000 are now in hand. The canvass for funds resulted in 27 prospective new members for the church and 10 for the church school. Rev. John Mickle and Rev. Fred Stripp are pastors.

LA SELVA BEACH—Pilgrim Fellowship officers of Oakland Plymouth and Orinda Churches were entertained for a week-end planning retreat. Congregations run about equal to church membership, some Sundays a little more. Mr. William T. McReynolds is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST—Rev. John H. egg has met the excuse of the peo- who say they are too busy to me to church on Sunday morning announcing a church service, just e a Sunday morning service, on ednesday evening. Newspapers and dio broadcasters announced it as an m of outstanding interest. In ad- ion, of course, the church holds o Sunday morning services. The ekday service is held in the small t beautiful chapel. Time will tell ether a sufficient number of people ll respond to warrant its continu- ce. There are now four couples oups, with a total of 600 people aring in monthly dinners and pro- ams. Three active youth groups eet Sunday evenings—high school, llege students, and young business en and women. The enrollment of e church school is nearing 700, with average attendance of more than 0. A goal of increased benevolence s been adopted as a part of a total dget of more than $40,500. Rev. njamin T. Schwab, associate minis- , was in charge of the weekday rvices in November.

SARATOGA—One hundred thirty ildren and young people are now in outh choirs of this church. They nge from second grade through high hool and make a significant contri- ution to the life and activity of the urch. On Thanksgiving Sunday ening they gave a music festival to ne of the largest congregations in e history of the church, and the outh unit sang for the Thanksgiving orning service. The music presented as of a high order and was very fectively rendered. The women of e church have made new choir robes d remodeled older ones. Rev. Gor- n L. King feels that this is the est way of reaching large numbers people in the community.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM — ev. Richard R. Diede was honored in recognition service in the church on ovember 16. Rev. Homer Schwarz, sistant moderator of the Bay Associ- ion, presided. Rev. Ernest M. Fow- r, Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop, Rev. Byron Eshelman, Rev. Clarence Reiden- ch, Rev. Philip G. Murray, Rev. eorge W. Lindsay, and Rev. Harley . Gill participated in the program. large congregation filled the sanc- ary. A reception followed, which as an occasion of fine fellowship. The embers of New Pilgrim Church are thusiastic about the leadership which r. Diede is giving.

PALO ALTO—A group of Con- regational Church women have sent er 900 pounds of clothing and 130 ounds of candles to Korea. The othing was carefully mended and ashed. Money was donated to pay r the postage and to buy yarn, hich was made into 130 caps and a umber of sweaters and scarves. Ne- otiations are moving forward for the urchase of a new property, and plans e being laid for a financial campaign r a new relocated church plant. Rev. . Arthur Casaday is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — Dr. rank Laubach spoke to a large gath- ing sponsored by the Oakland Coun- l of Churches on November 23. hree laymen conducted a most im- ressive service on Laymen's Sunday, he sermon being preached by John inger, moderator of the church, hairman of the Conference Laymen's ellowship, and assistant treasurer of he Conference. Rev. Philip G. Mur- y, pastor, is president of the Oakland inisterial Fellowship.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — A Kaffee Klatsch (coffee gossip) for the Young Adult Fellowship is held each Sunday following the morning service at which it discusses some matters of common interest and concern under the leadership of Rev. Joseph H. Redinger, assistant pastor. Eighteen new church members were received on November 18. The number, so far this year, is approaching the goal of 200. A very successful bazaar not only brought in about $1,150, but revealed many new and enthusiastic workers. The different booths were decorated in keeping with the various nationalities of South America to draw attention to the mission study theme for the year. On Sunday, December 2, Supt. Harley H. Gill preached at the morning service in the absence of Rev. William E. McCormack, who was in attendance at a meeting of the Board of Home Missions in New York.

LODI, FIRST—After many months of waiting, Lodi has its DP family, a man of Russian birth with wife and two children. They live in a house belonging to one of the members, and employment has been found. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. L. Marshall were honored at a potluck supper and received a gift in appreciation of their services between regular pastorates. The missionary Thanksgiving offering amounted to $312. A group of young people attended the Pilgrim Fellowship rally at Angels Camp, and a good many persons heard Dr. Frank Laubach in Sacramento. Rev. Ernest M. Fowler and his family have moved into the newly renovated parsonage and began work immediately following the first Sunday of December.

SURPRISE VALLEY — The canvass for support in Cedarville is going much better than a year ago. A fine little junior choir has been organized and is being trained. Two new members were received. At Eagleville one notable occasion was a golden wedding recognition in the church service, which brought out a total of 80 people. A new Pilgrim Fellowship was launched at the time of a visit by Rev. Geo. W. Lindsay, Director of Christian Education of the Conference. Rev. C. A. McCalmon has begun his second year of service in the Valley.

LODI, EBENEZER—The third anniversary of the dedication of the new building was celebrated on November 18. The church recognizes the anniversary each year by making a large offering toward the indebtedness on the building. Excellent progress has been made. The loan from the Building Society is being reduced according to schedule, and other outstanding obligations are being met more than promptly. Rev. Carl F. Bröst has been doing outstanding work in this splendid church.

SAN LORENZO—During October 24 members united with the church. President Stuart Anderson of the Pacific School of Religion was the preacher at the Thanksgiving Day service. The Board of Directors has made very careful preparation of the budget for 1952 and the canvass for raising it. The average attendance at the Sunday School is 502. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is the pastor.

PARADISE — A new junior high Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized, and the senior PF is making good progress. Rev. John F. Dunstan is very happy in the response of the people of the church and the community to his leadership.

PORTERVILLE — The 60th anniversary was a momentous occasion. Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt, founder of the church, was the preacher on Sunday morning, November 11. Rev. Harold S. Davidson, former pastor, was the guest of the church for several days and spoke at the anniversary banquet as did Superintendent Harley H. Gill. Rev. John A. Milligan, also a former pastor and who still resides in Porterville, participated. Interesting and humorous occurrences of old days came to light. The joy of good fellowship was present, and the loyalty of the people to the church and to Rev. and Mrs. Williston Goldsmith was evident. Progress during the ten years of the present pastorate is remarkable, the budget being more than doubled, the plate offerings more than tripled, and the membership increased by the addition of 364 members.

REDWOOD CITY — The Every Member Canvass for 1952 was spiritually and financially a great success; and the 1952 budget, largest in this church's history, was over-subscribed. A Sunday coffee hour has been set up for friendly mingling among new members and old, and a series of evangelistic meetings for better acquaintance with Congregational tenets has been planned for January and early February. Mr. Melvin Swartz, of Pacific School of Religion, will address the Men's Club in December. This church, believed to be the oldest in San Mateo County, will be featured during Redwood City's centennial celebration in December. Its 12 oldest members in point of service were honored recently. Rev. Gale W. Engle is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S—In spite of heavy rains, a goodly group of members assembled for a fellowship dinner on November 30 when budget for the year was presented. Following a joint meeting, Superintendent Harley H. Gill and the pastor, Rev. Horst Jeschke, met with the members of the St. John's Congregational Church, which is one wing of the federation. The Congregational group has been greatly strengthened by a considerable number of new members. A youth choir is making splendid progress and receiving excellent training. Members and friends of the church are providing lovely vestments. The church also has a children's choir and an adult choir, both of which are vested.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—With the completion of the new wing of the building, this church finds itself worse off than ever because of additional people moving into the community. The campaign of parish calling has been organized to reach the 1,600 new homes in the immediate vicinity of the church. Rev. Mary McKee Chester, pastor, was speaker at a Pilgrim Fellowship Rally at Angels Camp and another at Reno. A senior Women's Council has been organized, rendering splendid service to older people of the community.

BERKELEY, NORTH — The Leyden Club of this church took with them a group of the Orinda Pilgrim Fellowship, the Oakland Plymouth Torch Club and the Berkeley Chinese Church to Cazadero for a retreat on the week-end following Thanksgiving. The Leyden members averaged between $2 and $3 each in earnings on Christ's Work Day. They have made 200 pounds of soap for overseas relief. Nine new members were welcomed into the church in November. Rev. Williston Wirt is pastor.

PLEASANT HILL, HILLCREST—Through an arrangement with the Conference, the church has acquired an additional 50 feet running the entire length of the church building site, which will give a property of 220 by 493 feet. Arrangement has been made whereby funds will be available for making final payment to the contractor, which will be repaid from the collection of pledges. This new church has subscribed $8,500 for building fund and $3,600 for current expenses and benevolences. Twelve new members were received November 4. Concrete floors in the new building have been poured, the structural beams have been installed, and sheathing is going on. A new registration of the Church School shows a total of 160 children. Rev. Robert L. Carlson, the pastor, is secretary of the Pleasant Hill Recreation District.

COTATI—The 50th anniversary of this church was appropriately celebrated on November 25. The sanctuary was filled, and the capacity of the social hall for the dinner that followed was crowded. Mr. F. O. Miller, the pastor, who had planned the occasion, presided. Two former pastors, Rev. C. C. Champlain and Rev. Milton Gabrielson, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill were present and participated in the program. Mr. Gabrielson, who had been ordained in the church following a student pastorate, preached the sermon. Other former pastors including Rev. W. S. Bloom and Rev. James Salmon sent greetings as did Rev. Alfred Focht, who as a boy grew up in the church. There were many evidences of the increased strength and influence of our work in Cotati, and it is the profound hope of the people that Mr. Miller can continue as pastor.

SAN CARLOS—Rev. Weldon Batty, who has been quite seriously ill, is improving. The pulpit has been cared for by Rev. George W. Lindsay and Superintendent Harley H. Gill, of the Conference staff; Rev. Godfrey Matthews, of San Francisco; and Rev. Benjamin Gould, of Los Altos.

STATUS OF THE APPEAL FUND

National headquarters advises that the further court hearings on the merger will be held in January. That means that the fund should be completed promptly. At this writing, 32 Congregationalists in Northern California have contributed about a thousand dollars. We have $600 to raise. Will you who believe in the union of the Congregational and E and R Churches:

1. Send in your own contribution promptly, or

2. Ask some of the people in your parish who feel the responsibility of this matter to make their contribution to the fund, or

3. Let us know of people who should be contacted about the matter.

Any of these communications can be directed to me or to Dr. Ronald Bridges at 220 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, or to Dr. Douglas Horton at 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.

Your gift is tax-free and should be made payable to the "Funds Committee for Appeal."

Chairman for Northern California,

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

There will be NO meeting of the Federation in December!
The next regular meeting will be held at First Congregational Church, Oakland, January 17, 1952, the third Thursday.

NOV. MEETING

On November 15, 1951, a fine group of women met in the First Church, Oakland, for the regular meeting of the Federation. They were greeted by the President, Mrs. Bayard Buckham; and she read to them from the "Cambridge Platform of 1648" which became the "Congregational constitution." It tells of the aims of the Pilgrims and the Puritans who gave us our heritage of freedom and democracy as they were the founders of Congregationalism in America and also built our democratic form of government. Mrs. Buckham suggested that this book might prove a profitable one for study in small groups.

THANK OFFERING

Mrs. J. H. McCartney reminded the women that it is the time of the year to count their blessings and bring in a fine big Thank Offering. She also said to be sure and send it in to the Conference office before the first of January and mark it plainly THANK OFFERING, so that it will be counted in "The Woman's Gift."

SCHAUFFLER

Mrs. James Cooper who brings information each month concerning some phase of the work of the Board of Home Missions chose the Christian colleges in general and Schauffler in particular. It is a four-year college for women. Upon graduation they receive a Bachelor's degree in religious education, social work, and the like. Students are enrolled from 18 different states, from many denominations, and from many foreign countries. While studying for their degrees they work in 26 churches in Cleveland, where the college is situated, and in many clubs and centers and in community organizations. There are never enough graduates to fill all the requests for their services.

Mrs. Cooper also spoke of the "Thrift Shops" at some of the colleges in the South and at Delmo in Missouri, and suggested that seeds, both vegetable and flower, and bulbs would be welcome as well as shoes and clothing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Ford Samuel, Assistant Literature Secretary, will order additional copies of "Adventures in Reading" if you wish more. There is a supplemental list of books in the November-December "Guide Posts" which is just out.

Mrs. George Lindsay, Christian Home Secretary, gave the dates for the Family Camps to be held at Cazadero next summer. There are to be three of them—July 12-19, August 2-9, and August 16-23. She asked that information be sent to her by any church holding some special "family" activity.

Mrs. Buckham has named Mrs. James Price as chairman of Spring Session for 1952.

The Annual Meeting of the Federation will be held on April 17, 1952, and the Broadmoor Church of San Leandro will be the host church. We all love to go to Broadmoor.

Mrs. Ralph Conard is chairman of a committee which is revising the Constituton and By-Laws of the Federation. The revised copy will be brought before the Federation at a later meeting.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Mrs. Harold Avery brought with her a group of Plymouth League women, and together they presented a skit on program planning with Micronesia as the topic of study. It was in 1852 that the first missionaries of the American Board and Hawaii went to Micronesia, so in honor of their 100th anniversary, Mrs. Avery suggested a program on "100 Years in Micronesia," not forgetting those six little "Morning Star" ships that have played an important part in evangelizing those far-away islands.

Mrs. Lydia Zupo told a story of two workmen, one of whom said he was a stone-cutter, and the other, although he, too, was a stone-cutter, said he was a builder of temples. Our Friendly Service giving may seem merely stone-cutting, but in the effect upon the receivers, it is truly temple-building.

The noontide meditation was brought by Mrs. Charles McTaggart, Upper Bay Association President. She suggested that in these troubled times we need to take time for quietness, to recall to mind times and occasions that have brought peace and quiet and beauty into our lives, to think of simple things that make us thankful and bring comfort and happiness and confidence to us. She closed her meditation with prayer following the reading of the words of Isaiah, "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith our God . . . they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Mrs. Harold H. Eymann, wife of the associate pastor of the Piedmont Community Church, recently returned from a two-year sojourn in Scotland where her husband studied at St. Andrews University. She told of the many contrasts between life in Scotland and life in America. What the weather lacked in warmth was made up for by the warmth of the friendliness of the Scotch people. She told of the rationing of coal and food and clothing, of the seriousness with which the students go about their studies, of the church services and the prominent part the custodian has in the service, preceding the minister and the choir up the aisle carrying the Bible, and of the joyous singing of hymns led by the choir.

The life pace is much slower than ours—they take time for coffee at eleven and tea at four, even in the smallest stores. This calls to mind a poem by Grace Noll Crawford appropriate to this season of the year:

Leisure

I shall attend to my little errands of love
Early this year,
So that the brief days before Christmas may be
Unhampered and clear
Of the fever of hurry. The breathless rushing
That I have known in the past
Shall not possess me. I shall be calm in my soul
And ready at last
For Christmas—the mass of the Christ—I shall kneel
And call out His name;
I shall take time to watch the beautiful light
Of a candle's flame:
I shall have leisure—I shall go out alone
From my roof and my door;
I shall not miss the silver silence of the stars
As I have before;
And oh, perhaps—if I stand there very still
And very lone,
I shall hear what the clamor of living has kept from me—
The angel's song.

(Continued next column)

OUT OF THE PAST, BUT FOR TODAY

California is a young State. Its growth in material interests has opened a splendid field for Christian labor. While, however, trade and commerce, agriculture and mining, railroading and other facilities, education and the press, have lifted the State in general civilization, the moral and Christian elements on which its welfare depends have by no means kept pace with the outward progress. Christianity, the only power that brings down the great ideas of God, immortality, responsibility, brotherhood, and makes them the spring of civilization and the guarantee of its perpetual advancement, is by no means the atmosphere in which the people live. It is only one of many conflicting influences which encircle their thought, faith and life. Sectarianism and indifference to the higher ideas are running away with the masses.

Now is your time, brethren, to lay your hand on this population and mould it into the image of Christ, with the blessing of God. This is your rich opportunity. It will not last long. It will never be repeated. You can do more now in one year than by-and-by in a decade or season of years.

For such a choice and stirring exigency we need largeness of views and hearty devotion. We should look at the work in the light of the coming years. We should rise to the occasion.

But, brethren, permit us to speak plainly. There are things which weaken our churches and stand in the way of meeting the necessities of the time.

After the want of faith and godly living—the central want—the churches are themselves suffering from the prevailing secularism. It cannot be denied that our church members are largely carried away with it. Extravagance also is corrupting them. They are spending for luxuries . . . money enough, if laid on Christ's altar, to make a mighty advance along the whole line of Christian enterprise. This demoralizes and cripples, while the Christian use of these moneys would be health to the churches and prosperity to the cause.

We need . . . a higher style of giving . . . And over all and through all we need prayer—true, believing prayer—for the Spirit of God to work in all these churches and hearts for the salvation of the land.

Brethren, arise, and with the help of God take possession of California for Christ!

(This was not written by the Editor of The Pacific in December, 1951. Believe it or not, it was from the pen of I. E. Dwinell in the December issue of 1873.)

ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE COUNCIL

The annual meeting and dinner of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches is to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland, on the evening of January 24. Speakers will be Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and Dr. E. H. Pruden of Washington, D. C., the President's minister. Tickets at $2.25 may be secured from pastors of churches and should be secured early since the capacity of the building is less than half of the number of tickets that have been sent out. Tickets purchased earliest will have preference.

Work Week-ends

Carrying out a plan suggested in one of the Family Camps this summer and approved by the Conference Board of Directors, the Cazadera Commission is asking the churches of the Conference to send work crews during one month out of the year to assist in repair, maintenance, and new construction at Cazadero. Each church is being asked to supply at least five men on a cooperative basis with other churches nearby. Families are invited to participate in the week-end. First Church, North Church, and South Church, Berkeley, are being invited to supply the crew for the first such work project in January. It is hoped that this plan will make possible the carrying out of a continuous and much needed work plan for the camp.

DIXON COMMUNITY

Rev. Everett L. Spuller, who is pastor of the Dixon Community Church, reports that ten adults have been received into fellowship recently and that Mrs. Lynda Blake had been a special speaker for the women's organization.

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